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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: To be assigned; Filed: Herewith
Continuation of U.S. Appl. No. 08/797,294; Filed: February 7, 1997
For: Aminosugar, Glycosaminoglycan, and S-Adenosylmethionine
Composition for the Treatment and Repair of Connective Tissue
Inventors: Robert W. Henderson and Tarek Hammad
Our Ref: 24047.330C.US01

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a **continuation** application of prior Appl. No. 08/797,294, consisting of the following documents:

1. Patent Application Initial Information Data Sheet;
2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application, entitled:

Aminosugar, Glycosaminoglycan, and S-Adenosylmethionine
Composition for the Treatment and Repair of Connective Tissue

and naming as inventors:

Robert W. Henderson and Tarek Hammad

the application comprising:

- a. The specification containing:
 - (i) 35 pages of description prior to the claims;

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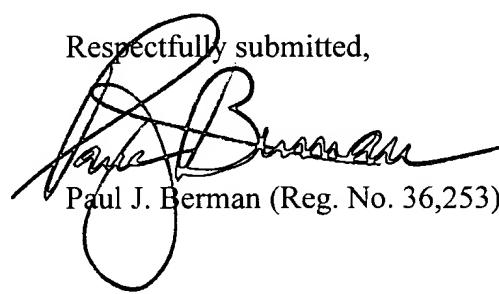
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- (ii) 3 pages of claims (13 claims);
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- b. Three sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-3);
- c. Copy of the executed inventors' Declaration from prior application no. 08/797,294;
- 4. Copy of the Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))--Independent Inventor executed by the inventors from prior application no. 08/797,294;
- 5. Copy of the Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.27(b))-- Assignee of Independent Inventor from prior application no. 08/797,294;
- 6. Preliminary Amendment;
- 7. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
- 8. Form PTO-1449; and
- 9. Two return receipt postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Title Aminosugar, Glycosaminoglycan, and S-Adenosylmethionine Composition for the Treatment and Repair of Connective Tissue

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No.**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 39]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) ((35 U.S.C. 113)) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information: Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

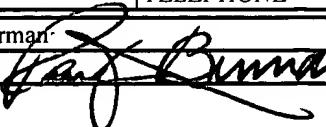
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Prior Application Information: Examiner: E. White Group/Art Unit: 1623

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Customer Number or Bar Code Label

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